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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
THOMAS DANIEL, ET AL. : EXAMINER: METZMAIER  
SERIAL NO: 09/831,915 :  
FILED: MAY 25, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1796  
FOR: HYDROGELS CAPABLE OF :  
ABSORBING AQUEOUS FLUIDS

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c)**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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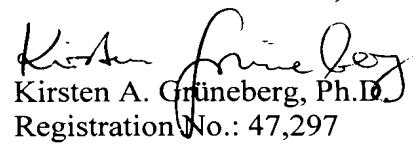
Applicants hereby request a suspension of action for a time period of three (3) months.

The suspension of action is necessary because Applicants are in the process of preparing additional data, to provide the evidence mentioned by the Board of Appeals and Interferences.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request suspension of action for a period of three (3) months.

Respectfully submitted,

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